"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

A number of people have asked whether there was a test for determining the amount of nitrate in a sample corn. The answer is yes. The problem with doing this is when we package a sample in a plastic bag and it stays in a mail bag for two to three days, fermentation begins to take place. This simply means that the corn that was checked and the product that is tested is probably not the same. The test may come back saying it is safe, while the opposite may be the true fact.

For this reason it is better to delay harvest for as long as possible, and after the corn has gone through the ensiling process - - then have a sample checked for nitrate.

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In a letter dated July 19 to cattle owners, it was pointed out the corn testing 1% or higher in nitrates is considered potentially lethal. This should have read 0.5%.

A sample taken July 18 and tested in the laboratory July 20 from an Appomattox farm showed the nitrate level at 0.58% - well above the potentially thethal stage.

If corn must be cut and fed cattle, it will be helpful to use the most nearly normal corn and to feed at least one-half hay and one-half chopped corn.

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The July 1 "Cattle on Feed" report shows cattle on feed in the 23 state area being down 3% from a year ago, but up 14% above July 1, 1975. This suggests that there are still a lot of cattle on hand.

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Five special cattle sales were held the week of July 22 in Virginia. There were 4,498 steers sold, weighing 685 pounds and averaging $38.58.

At the same sales, there were 1,383 heifers sold, weighing 587 pounds for an average of $31.53.

The sale at Marshall was the highest sale with steers going for $41.00 and heifer for as much as $34.00.

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The recent National Beef Referendum required a two-thirds majority to pass. The results would indicate that the referendum failed to get the required vote at the county, state or national level.

National: 322,175 registered, 231,046 voted - - voting yes 56.5% - - voting no 43.5%.

Virginia: 7,126 registered, 5,185 voted - - voting yes 51% - - voting no 49%.

Appomattox: 57 registered, 40 voted - voting yes 60% - - voting no 40%.

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The Appomattox Dairymen Association will hold their annual summer family picnic at the Hix brothers farm at 7 p.m. this Saturday. Dairymen need to be involved in this kind of program. Each family needs to bring a jug of tea and a dish of baked beans.

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A State Farm Management Tour will be held in Rockham County July 27. We need a count by August 15 if you plan to attend.

PRECIPITATION:

LAST WEEK	.44
MONTH OF JULY	.88
NORMAL FOR MONTH OF JULY	4.33
THIS MONTH	.24
THIS YEAR	15.48
NORMAL FOR THIS YEAR	23.68

CONCORD LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL & CHEERING TEAMS TO REGISTER

The next registration for the Concord Little League Football and Cheerleading teams will be held at the Concord Elementary School on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It is requested that at least one parent or guardian accompany the child to registration. Football practice will begin at the school on August 15 at 6 p.m.

For additional information contact Eddie Gunter, Jr. at 993-2492.

BABCOCK WINS NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Harold Webster Babcock, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock, placed fourth at the National Field Archery Amateur Championship recently held at Clemson, South Carlina.

Babcock, placing fourth nationally in the Bowhunters Free Style Division, met with national competition in Clemson after capturing second place title on the Eastern Seaboard earlier in the summer.

Mr. Babcock, the owner and operator of Oakridge Bowhunter's Archery Shop, Madison Heights, Virginia, is the winner of numerous archery awards.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED AT FRCC

The annual shoot-outs, to determine the King and Queen of the FRCC Golf Course, will be coming up soon.

So far there are 13 entries in the Ladies Tournament scheduled for August 13 and 14. Peggy Guill will be out to defend her title as Ladies' Champion and is expecting a challenge from all entrants.

The men will be playing a 54-hole tournament on Sept. 3, 4, and 5 and registration is continuing at the pro shop with thirty-four signees during the first two days. Floyd Fleshman, Jr., Chairman of the Golf Activities Committee, will have more information during the next several weeks as new plans are made.

Jerry Conner is current Men's Champion having won the title in 1975 and 1976. There have been only four champions in the ten tournaments played at FRCC. James Paulette has five titles, having won in 1967-68-69 and 1973-74. John Rothgeb held the title in 1970-71 and Hight Dotson was champion in 1972.

About 75 members are expected to register for the men's tournament.

CAMPER OF THE WEEK

If excitement is what you're looking for then you should join the 4-h'ers at the Holiday lake 4- Educational Center. To make every week an enjoyable one we choose a camper of the week, and last week the lucky young fellow was David Mark Asal of Cumberland County.

Mark also recieved a certificate of recognition in Archery. He is the son of Sharon W. Asal of Farmville, Va.

Shower Honors Miss Coleman

Miss Joan Coleman was honored with a "Coke Party", July 22, 1977 hosted by Kathy Vaughan, in the home of Mrs. Vaughan.

Guests present included friends of the bride-elect.

Miss Coleman was presented with a wedding gift.

The marriage of Miss Coleman to Mr. Gary Woodridge will be an event of August 6, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at Liberty Baptist Church.

NASH REUNION PLANNED

The family of the late Allen Cecil and Ella Cheatham Hash will hold their annual family reunion at Sherwell Community Center on Sunday, August 7th.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

LITTLE LEAGUE DATE REGISTRATION SET

Registration for Appomattox Little League Football will be held Saturday, August 6, 1977, at the Appomattox Primary School from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
All new participants must bring a photo copy of birth certificate and permission slip signed by parents.
Registration fee will be $3.00. All boys, ages 7 to 13, are eligible to participate.

NAME.....AGE.....WGHT.....

ADDRESS.....PH:.....

SIGNATURE OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

.....Date .....

I hereby give permission for the above named boy or girl to play [Basketball, Football, Baseball] in the Appomattox Youth Association.

RELEASE

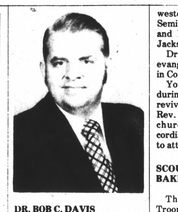
For and in consideration of my child being allowed to play in the Appomattox Youth Association Program, I hereby release all coaches and officials of the Appomattox Youth Association from any and all liability as a result of any and all injuries which my child may sustain or receive while practicing in the above mention program, either during practice or actual games or going to and from said practice or games.

.....(Seal)

Parent

.....(Seal)

Guardian



DR. BOB C. DAVIS

TO CONDUCT REVIVAL SERVICES AT RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Bob C. Davis will conduct revival services at Red Oak Baptist Church on Highway 26 in Oakville on August 7th at 10:55 a.m. and from August 7th through August 12th at 7:45 each evening. There will be special singing each night by the choirs and singers of Red Oak Baptist Church and also by invited groups from other churches.

A nursery will be provided for children.

Dr. Davis is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Davis is a full-time evangelist and makes his home in Concord.

You want to be present during this great week of revival services. The pastor, Rev. G. E. Hughes, and the church members extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

SCOUTS TO HOLD BAKE SALE

The Girl Scout Brownie Troop 308 will hold a bake sale on Saturday, August 6th.

The bake sale will be held in front of the Ben Franklin store located in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center and will begin at 9 a.m.

AFTER REHEARSAL PARTY

Mrs. Clarence Caryle Poe entertained with an after rehearsal dinner party honoring her son, Richard Babcock Poe and Ms. Teresa Faye Ragland on Friday evening at her home.

Guests included parents of the honored couple, members of the wedding party and other guests.

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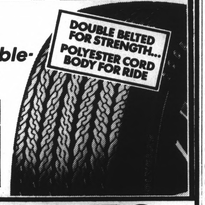

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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

"Inge's Store"

Looking at Appomattox, we see a growing community, full of challenge and opportunity. We're proud to be a part of it. As we look back to the days of THEN we find that there were many people and businesses who made outstanding contributions to the economic growth and development of our community.

How many of you remember Inge's Store? The one most of us easily recall was the one located approximately where the Winking Whale is now located. It was owned and operated by the late C. S. Jenkins and a good many years prior to its closing, it was most capably managed by Mrs. Gladys Johnson, a local businesswoman, now retired. Are you aware of the fact that this store was the last of several Inge's? Let's take a backward ramble and see just where Inge's had its beginning.

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Young Allison Inge could hardly believe his ears; he had just been told that he had a position with the L. E. Smith Store in the town of Appomattox. Equally hard to believe was the salary he would receive - - - $5.00 a month and his room and board! For a young man, living five miles out of town in the year of 1904, this was an opportunity as yet unparalled! Indeed he was a fortunate young man; it would be an educational experience to work for a man as knowledgable about the merchantile business as Len Smith.

It was while young Allison was working for Mr. Smith that the desire he had always had for a store of his own began to deepen and grow.

In 1911 Allison Inge along with Dillard Morris opened a store in a three story building on the lower side of the railroad tracks. They were to remain in business there until the year 1913.

In 1917 Allison Inge decided that as happy as he was in his business, there was something lacking in his life. He knew what it was; for quite a while now he had been having trouble keeping his mind on the store. A most attractive young lady, Miss Mary Moses, a local girl was the object of his attention. On December 26, 1917 Mary and Allison were married. From that day on she was,not only his wife, but his business partner. In talking with Mrs. Inge the other day she said "I not only married Allison, I married the store!"

In what is now the upper part of the Appomattox Hardware Company, Allison Inge and Dillard Morris were joined by Henry Inge and Luther Morris in a business venture. The business grew and in 1918 Allison finally realized his dream of owning his own store; he bought the business from his partners, but for some reason only kept it approximately a year, selling out to L. E. Smith in 1919.

After working in a bank for a little over a year Allison and Mary moved to Dallas, Texas. For the next year Allison worked for his brother in the office of the construction company, but nothing seemed to appeal to him like operating a store. So, back to Appomattox they came - - - once again Allison was a merchant.

In a location approximately where Appomattox Farmers Supply is now in business, Allison opened his next store. He paid all of $10.00 a month rent for two rooms that were 10' x 16! These rooms had been used as lodging for farmers when they brought their tobacco to market. His conveniences consisted of a drop light from the ceiling of the store, a pair of computing scales and a yard stick. There was no phone.

Located nearby was a watering trough for the horses and several men could always be found chatting and passing the time of day while their horses drank. This proved to be an asset for Allison; whenever there was freight to be brought down from the railroad station, Allison would give one of the men 25c to take his wagon up to the station and haul the freight down to the store. A mutually beneficial business relationship, wouldn't you say?

It was in 1924 that Inge's Store began business approximately where Gaines Jewelers is now located; it was to remain here until 1946 when it was sold to the late C. S. Jenkins.

A variety store would most likely be the classificaiton into which this Inge's Store would fit. This did well, but that wasn't enough for Allison; he wanted to open a second floor in his store. Friends discouraged him; "You'll never get people to walk upstairs to look", they said. He didn't discourage easily. Paying no attention to the warning of his friends, Allison went ahead with plans for opening the second floor. With ready-to-war, and later toys and shoes, he proved his friends to be wrong. The customers not only went upstairs to look - - - they bought! Allison was indeed pleased.

With the second floor of his store doing so well, Allison, who liked to begin something new, began toying with the idea of a hat shop on the mezzanine. Before long, the area between floors, originally intended as an office became the "Hat Headquarters."

It was in the year 1938 that Mr. and Mrs. Inge rented space in the rear of their store to Jessie Fitzgerald, a beautician, who opened a beauty shop. Later this area was utilized as an Infant Shop. It was here you could buy that very special gift for that very special baby.

On Saturday nights Inge's remained open for as long as customers would come in and buy. There were bargains galore: nice gingham dresses for teenagers for $2.98; ladies better dresses for $3.98; a fine quality petticoat for 98c and shoes for $3.98 and $4.98. There were no taxes, of course!!

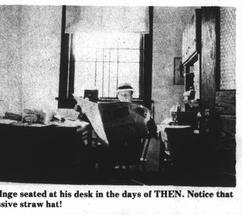
Maybe the location of Inge's moved many times, but one thing never changed - - the high quality of his merchandise and the excellence of service. These things remained the same.

Although Mr. Inge sold Inge's Store to Mr. C. S. Jenkins in 1946, he by no means retired. The buying and selling of land and houses until approximately two years prior to his death in 1962 kept him busy.

Had there not been men such as Allison Inge, continually striving to make a good business better, we might not be enjoying today the quality service and products that Appomattox businessmen have to offer.

For such men from the days of THEN, we're grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Inge, taken in 1918; her dress was made of Georgette Crepe with Chiffon Sleeves.



Mr. Inge seated at his desk in the days of THEN. Notice that impressive straw hat!

Allison and Mary Inge, taken at the back door of Inge's Store located approximately where Gaines Jewelers is now in business.

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Consumer And Energy Frauds

BLACKSBURG - The coldest winter since George Washington's time, coupled with high fuel costs, limited fuel supplies and government appeals, has apparently caused consumers to conserve energy as never before. More than one and a half times as many households set back their thermostats this winter as in any previous winter, according to a Gallup poll. .

Of the two-thirds of the people living in states east of the Rocky Mountains who said they reduced the temperatures inside their houses during the worst of the winter, about 65 per cent said they did so to save fuel or because of the fuel shortage; about 20 per cent because of fuel costs; and about 15 per cent because of requests by President Carter on their state governor.

There is little doubt, according to these figures, that the American people have responded to the fuel crisis, commented Virginia Tech Extension specialist Glen H. Mitchell. Many persons are looking at alternatives to save energy, he explained. Some devices to save energy have long track records that show their advantages and disadvantages. Other promising devices and practices are relatively new, he added.

Some concerns and individuals involved in the burgeoning area are quite experienced and knowledgeable; others may be developing these attributes, such as the $350,000 solar energy system for a high school that saved $3,500 in energy costs annually, stated the consumer economist.

Some instances have been reported of products taking more than 100 years to pay off, while other cases in Florida, Wisconsin, and Minnesota have reported improper installation, poor quality control, inexperienced repairmen, and cases of outright deception, Mitchell reported. A recent (April 28, 1977) article in the "Wall Street Journal" quoted a member of the Florida Attorney General's office as saying, "You are going to find a lot of ripoffs in solar energy."

Mitchell, recognizing his problem, stated, "You should ascertain whether the product and installation does what you want it to do. If your aim is purely to save energy, payout periods (time to recoup in saving your initial investment) may not be relevant; other people may want to recoup their investment in five to seven years.

"Persons should look at alternative systems, seek out the advice of experts such as your local Virginia Tech extension agent or other households who have installed similar systems, be certain of the warranty and your liability plus other conventional buying strategies of buying a new service.

"The energy crisis is a true crisis but individuals should be good consumers and buy wisely."

VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are reprentative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - How long do I have to convert my Serviceman's Group Life Insurance to Veterans Group Life Insurance?

A - SGLI coverage continues for 120 days after separation from active duty.A veteran may apply for conversion to VGLI without evidence of insurability within that 120-day period. A veteran may apply for conversion to VGLI up to one year from date of separation by supplying evidence of insurability.

Q - My husband was killed on active duty and I receive dependency and indemnity compensation. If I begin working, will my benefits be reduced?

A - No. Income is not a factor in determining eligibility for DIC.

Q - When I purchase a home using VA loan guaranty, will my wife's income be considered?

A - The veteran's and the spouse's income is considered in determining ability to repay the loan.

Q - I am an 80 per cent service-connected disabled veteran. Am I entitled to obtain a hospital bed and lift from the VA?

A - You may receive any prosthetics or appliances you require. Have your physician contact the nearest VA clinic or hospital.

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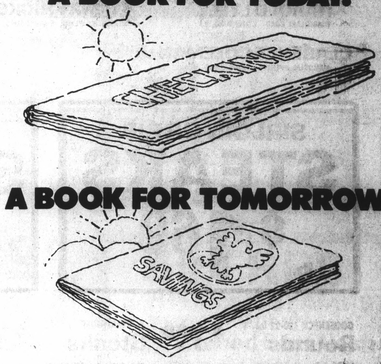

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